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Tea Introduces Mrs. Coulson; Adam Watsons to Leave Dec. 14

Yesterday produced both happy and sad news along diplomat's row.

On the happy side, a number of Washington women gathered at the home of Mrs. Adam Watson, wife of the counselor of the British Embassy, to meet Mrs. John Coulson, the delightful wife of the newly arrived British Minister.

But guests were sad to learn that the Watsons will be leaving Washington December 14 after five and a half years at the Embassy here.

Back to the good news first. Mrs. Coulson, who arrived with her husband about 10 days ago, is a real charmer.

A tall woman, she has that marvelous complexion so characteristic of English beauties, and an infectious laugh which makes everyone around her feel gay.

All settled in the house occupied by their predecessors, Sir Robert and Lady Scott. Mrs. Coulson hopes to have time here to pursue her great interest—painting.

She disclaims any artistic ability, but says she finds it very rewarding to study and learn about it from a "spectator's" standpoint. Her favorite period at the moment is the impressionist and post-impressionist.

Among those at the tea yesterday were Lady Makins, wife of the British Ambassador; Mrs. Livingston Merchant, Mrs. Douglas MacArthur II; Mrs. Shima, wife of the Japanese Minister; Mme. Schnyder, wife of the Swiss Counselor; Baroness van Voorst tot Voorst, wife of the Netherlands Counselor; Miss Glazebrook, sister of the Canadian Minister; Countess Douglas, wife of the Swedish Minister, and the Countess de la Grandville, wife of the French Counselor.

Others were Mrs. Outerbridge Horsey, Mrs. Robert Amory, Mrs. Walter Lippman, Mrs. Rowland Evans and Mrs. Muirhead, wife of the British First Secretary.

Mrs. F. J. Blakeney, wife of the Australian Counselor, will give a tea for Mrs. Coulson tomorrow.

Capital Loses Popular Couple

The departure of the Watsons means that Washington will be minus one of its most

popular and effective young diplomatic couples.

Adam Watson, the top Russian expert at the Embassy here, and his American-born wife, Andy, will return to London where he has been assigned to the Imperial War College for a year.

The Watsons were married nearly five and a half years ago, at the beginning of his tour of duty here. (She was the former Ann Campbell of Wenham, Mass., and is a relative of Lewis Douglas, former American Ambassador to London.)

After graduating from Vassar, Mrs. Watson got a job as an economist in the Office of International Finance at the Treasury Department and then was sent to the American Embassy in London. There, at the home of her uncle, Mr. Robin Fedden, she met her future husband. Three years later they were married.

Few diplomatic couples have acquired such a vast circle of American friends in Washington. The Watsons have entertained widely and concentrated on getting to know Americans from all walks of life. They also have made a great effort to know people in New York, Chicago and intellectual leaders in our universities.

Mr. Watson, a top Russian scholar, is a student not only of present-day Russia, but the history and civilization of ~~Czarist Russia~~ as well. He entered Britain's foreign office in 1937, and was stationed in the Ukraine, afterwards in Rumania until the Nazis came, then all over the Middle East until 1944. He had a tour of duty in Moscow from 1944-7 and was later posted to London where he dealt with Russian affairs until 1950 when he came to Washington.

A brilliant linguist, he speaks French, German, Spanish, Russian and Arabic, and has a reading knowledge of a number of others.

Mr. Watson says that during his tour here he was guided by the belief that "what is good for the United States is also good for the United Kingdom."

"I have sought to further the national interest of both countries, believing that they run parallel," he said.